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NAME: Complex Networks/Foundations of Information Systems

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO:

Complex Networks and Foundations of Information Systems uses measured information to assure, manage, predict, and design distributed networks, systems, and architectures

LIST SUB-AREAS IN PORTFOLIO:

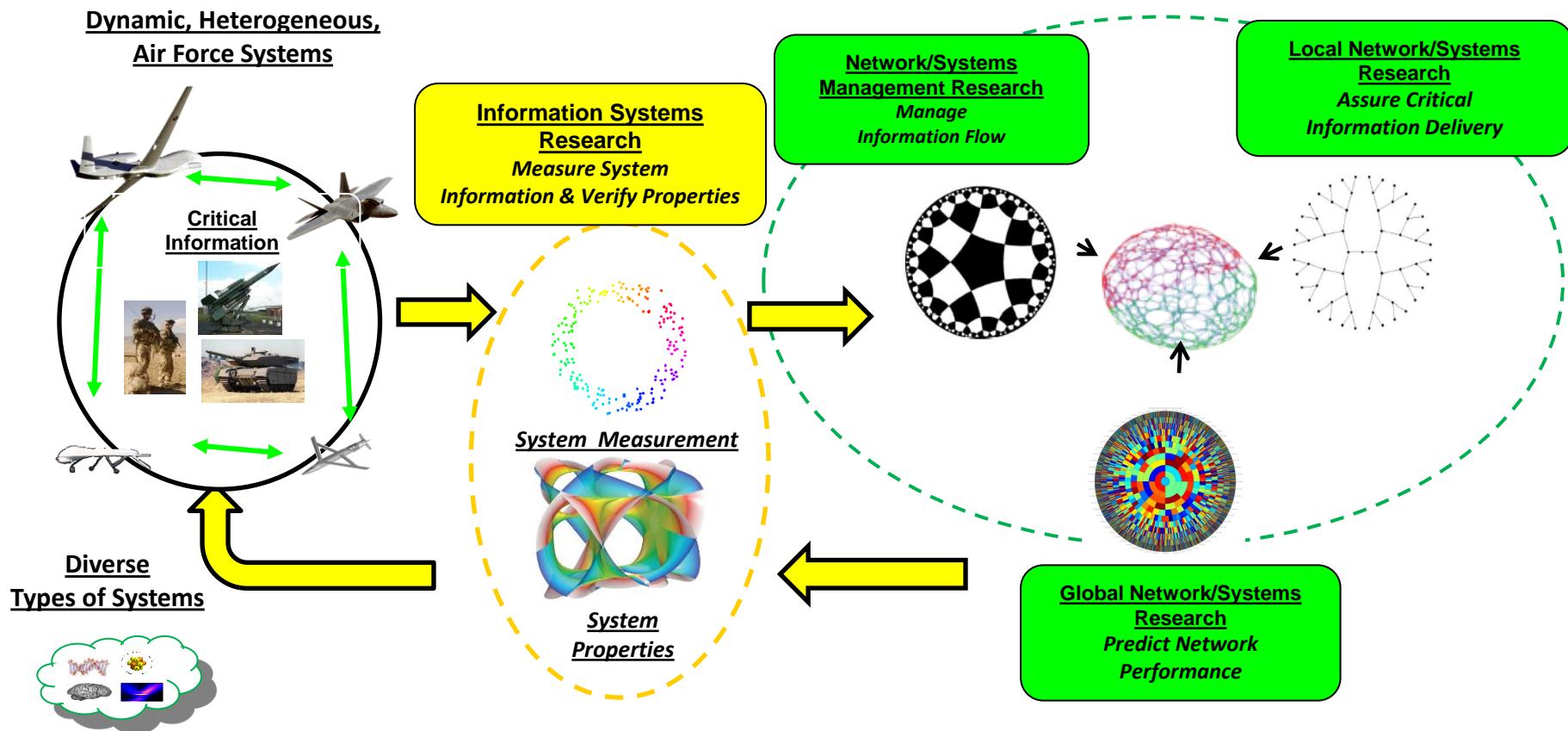
- *Local Network Research*: Coding that assures information delivery and security
- *Network Management Research*: Network and system protocols to maximize information flow
- *Global Network Research*: Predict network performance and design robustness
- *Foundations Information Systems Research (new initiative FY12)*: Measure and verify information system properties



Complex Networks and Information Systems Roadmap



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Complex Networks and Systems



Goals:

- Preserve critical information structure and minimize latency over a heterogeneous distributed network and system
- Ensure network and system robustness and stability under a diverse set of resource *constraints* and manage not assuming static models
- Find invariant properties for a given network and system from a distributed set of observations and predict network behavior
- Develop unifying mathematical approach to discovering fundamental principles of networks and system and use them in *network and system design*

Payoffs:

- Preserve information structures in a network rather than just delivering packets or bits
- Quantify likelihood of a given network management policy to support critical mission functions
- Predict and manage network and system failure comprehensively



Foundations of Information Systems



Program Objectives

- Model heterogeneous distributed systems using unified mathematical framework through previous measurement and validate
- Verify the properties of a given system application through measurement of a limited set of system parameters and assess mission risk
- Define general architectural principles of design through unified assessment of system operating properties
- Generalize design properties to universal system architectural principles

Payoff

- Assess and verify properties of a distributed heterogeneous system where there is limited access to its elements
- Assess dynamic Air Force system mission performance and assess risk of failure



Complex Networks Trends



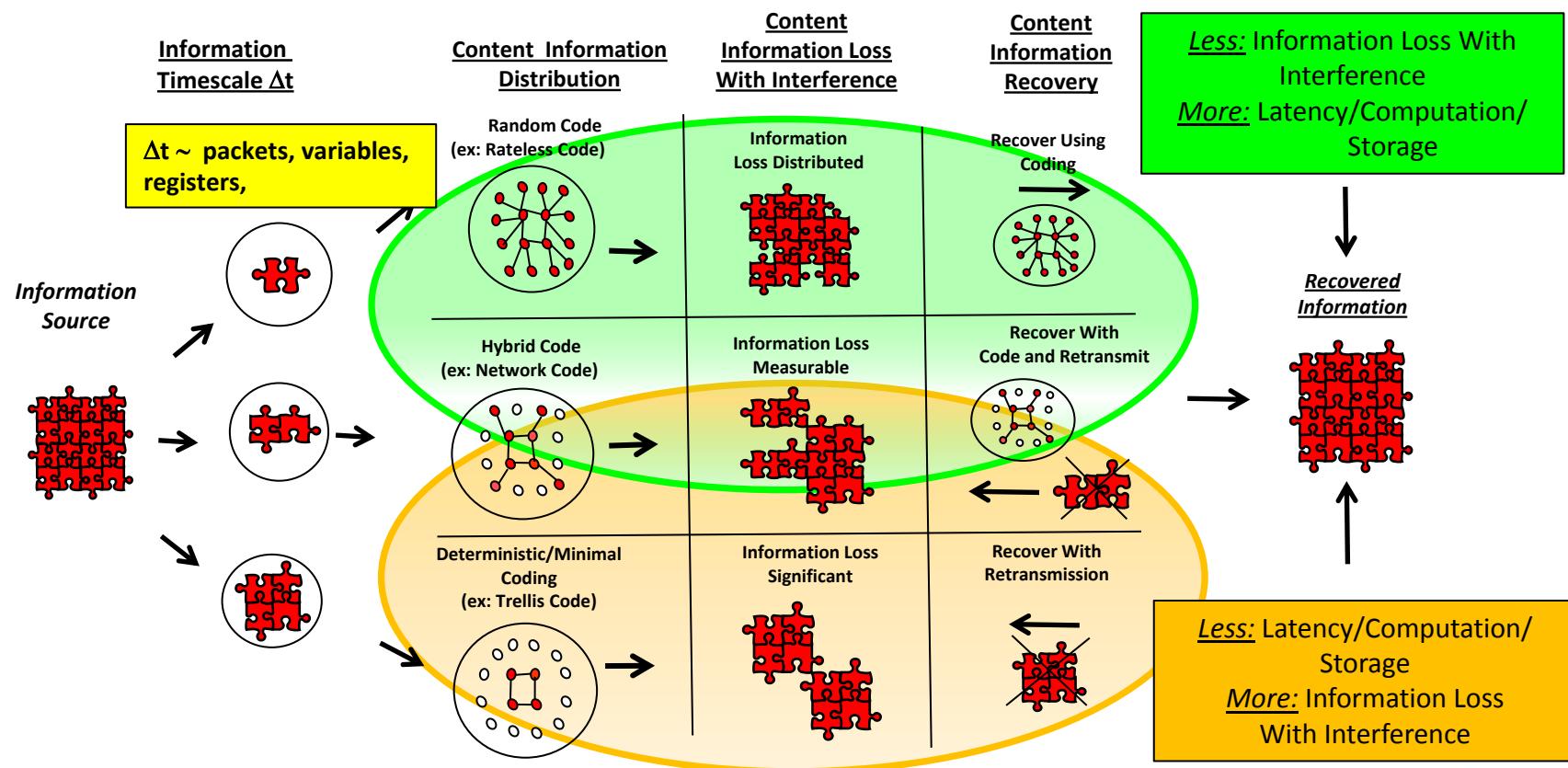
- **Local Network Theory**
 - Geometric and non-binary information coding →
 - Coding information with network performance objectives ↗
 - Integration with verification and quantum methods ↑
- **Network Management**
 - Nonparametric strategies for assessing network performance ↗
 - Distributed strategies for measuring and assessing network information transfer ↗
 - Sparse network management ↑
- **Global Network Theory**
 - Invariant metrics for analysis of network performance ↗
 - Geometric flow analysis for prediction and management of network performance ↗
 - Global state space taxonomy and categorization ↑
- **Information Systems Research**
 - Combined network, software, and hardware analysis ↑
 - Defining correct input data for given mathematical assessment ↑



Local Network/System Research: Preserving Information Content



- Statistical geometric coding structures are used to transport diverse sets of information in a network and system and preserve its critical structure





Sparse Approximation for Network Codes

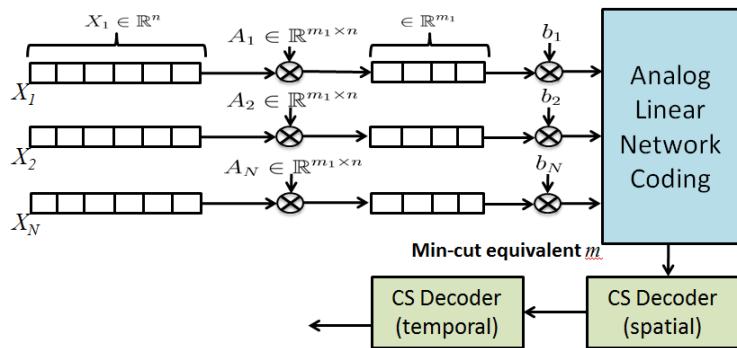
Muriel Medard, MIT



Approach: Sparse approximation can be used to construct sparse codes for different classes of networks

Payoff: Sparse approximation criteria such as information coherence can be used to guarantee different quality of service over networks without retransmission

Encoder Architecture



Decoder Architecture

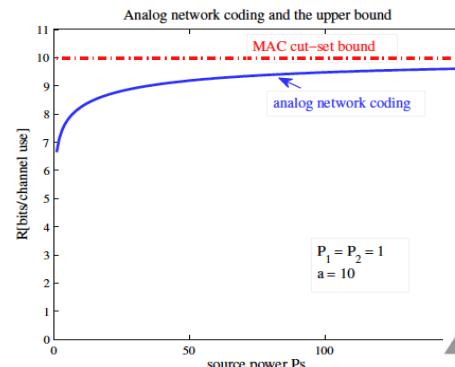
- **Sparse Decoder (LASSO)**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{Y}} \frac{1}{2m} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Y}\|_{l_2}^2 + \xi \|\mathbf{Y}\|_{l_1}$$

- If \mathbf{G} satisfies the RE condition, then

$$\|\mathbf{Y} - \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \frac{c}{\gamma^2} \frac{k \log(N)}{m} \sigma^2$$

Sparse decoder can set different guarantees for information recovery over different classes of networks .





Minimum Interference Coding

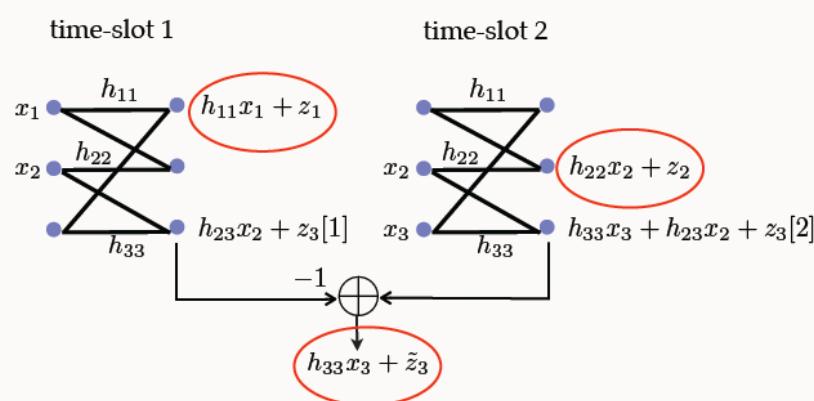
Salman Avestimehr, Cornell



Approach: Specific routing path configuration of networks can allow superior throughput of information based on a geometrically structured code

Payoff: Information transfer becomes more independent of network protocol performance and matched to time evolving network properties

Time Sequenced Code For Multiplexed Network



Network Capacities Can Be Algebraically Defined

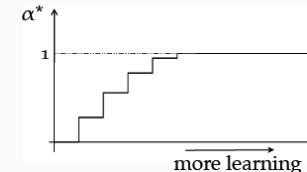
- Definition: A scheme achieves **normalized sum-rate** of ' α ' if it achieves a sum-rate satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^K R_i \geq \alpha C_{\text{sum}}^{(\text{full info})} - \tau$$

for all networks compatible with Q (where ' τ ' is a constant)

Specific Network Capacity Achieved

- The **normalized sum-capacity**, $\alpha^*(Q)$, is the maximum achievable α



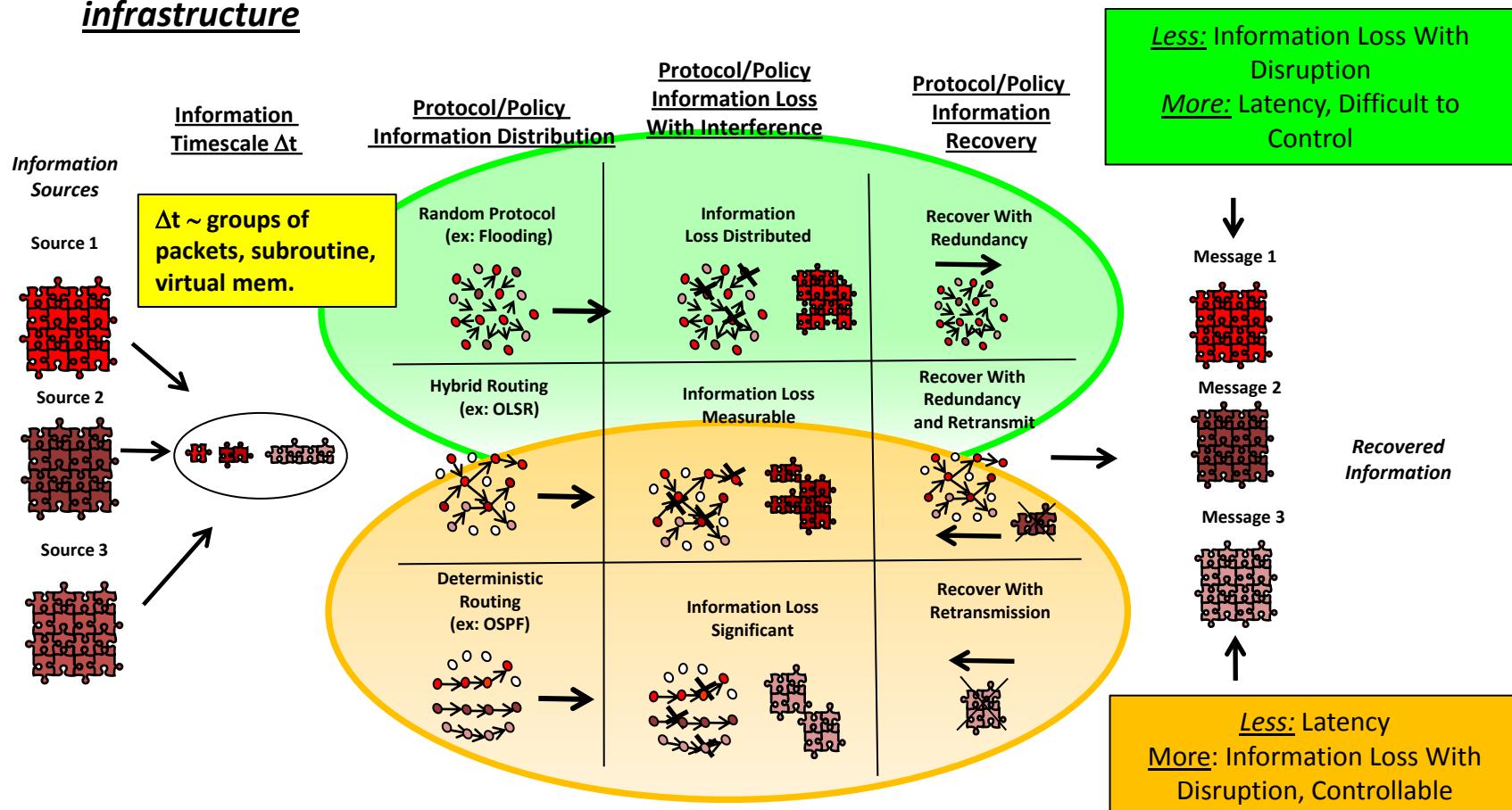


Network/System Management Research: Guaranteeing Information Transfer



The state of information transfer on a network changes with network and system management policy and protocol

- Particularly important to the Air Force given its unique heterogeneous mobile infrastructure





Complex Network Information Exchange In Random Wireless Environments

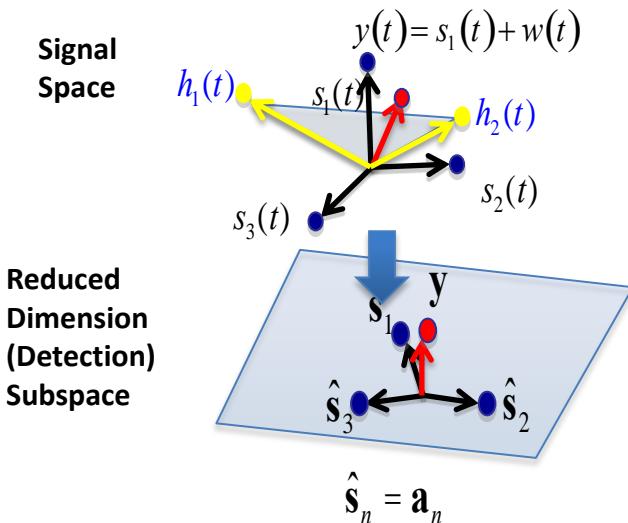
PIs: A. Goldsmith, Yonina Eldar



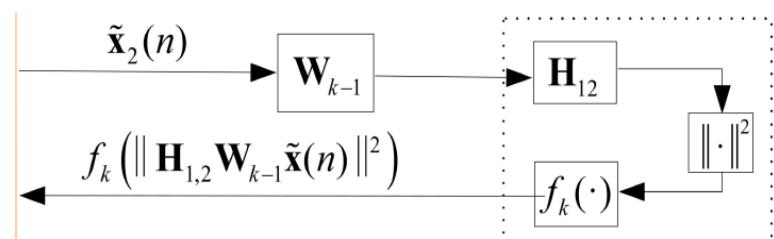
Approach: Most physical layer network management routines requires complete and independent measurement of the entire signal space to identify and decode spectral transmission sequences. Sparse approximation with feedback can greatly reduced the overhead of spectral decoding.

Payoff: Dramatic reduction the amount of spectrum needed and computational complexity of creating and decoding spectral sequences at the physical layer resulting greater capacity throughput and less information loss.

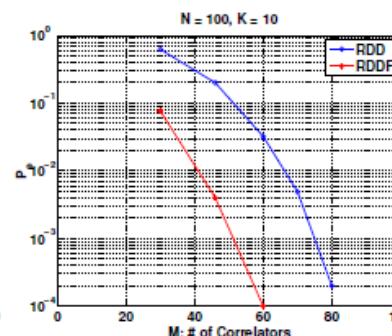
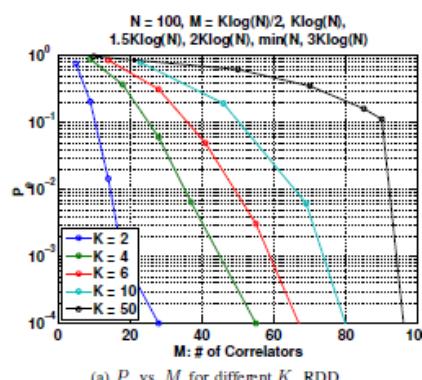
Sparse Approximation



Feedback at Decoder



Greatly Increased Throuput



AFRI



Algebraic Spectral Analysis for Resource Network Resource and Stability Analysis

Igor Mezic, UCSB



Approach: Modalities of a given network and information system can be discovered and characterized using algebraic spectral analysis

Payoff: No analytic model and very little a-priori information is needed to characterize a systems operating characteristics

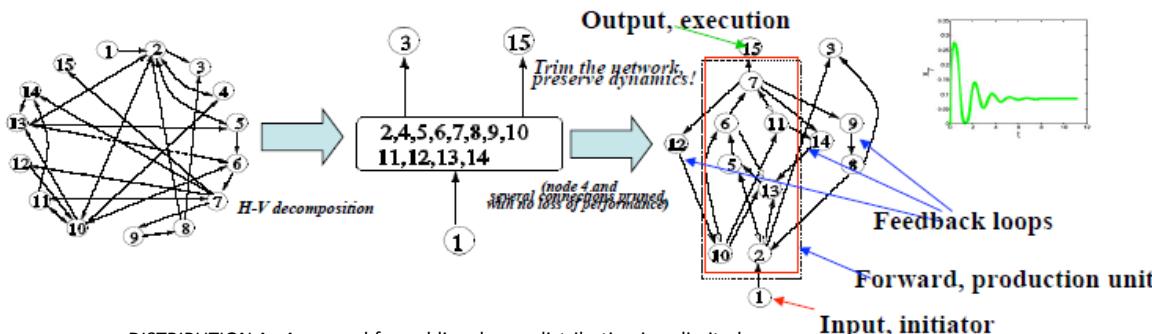
Network Measurement Projection Operators

Recall: Projection of the function v_x on the j -th eigenspace can be obtained as

$$P_T^{\omega_j}(v_x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{i2\pi k \omega_j} v_x(T^k(m)) = z(x) f_j(m).$$

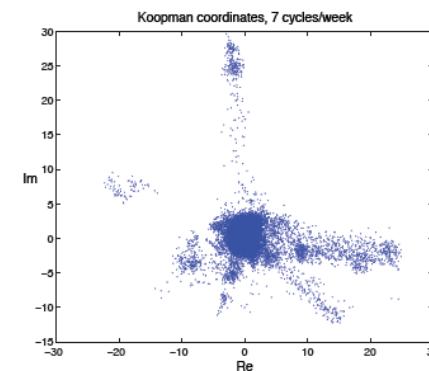
$v_x^n|H_1$ is almost-periodic.

Network Failure Modes Identified

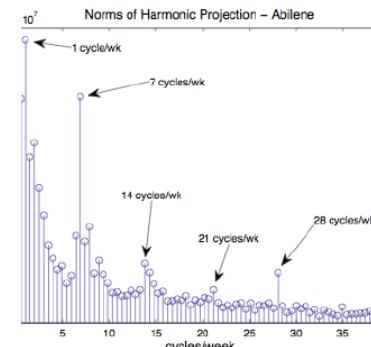


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Resulting Spectral Cluster



Actual Failures From Power Grid



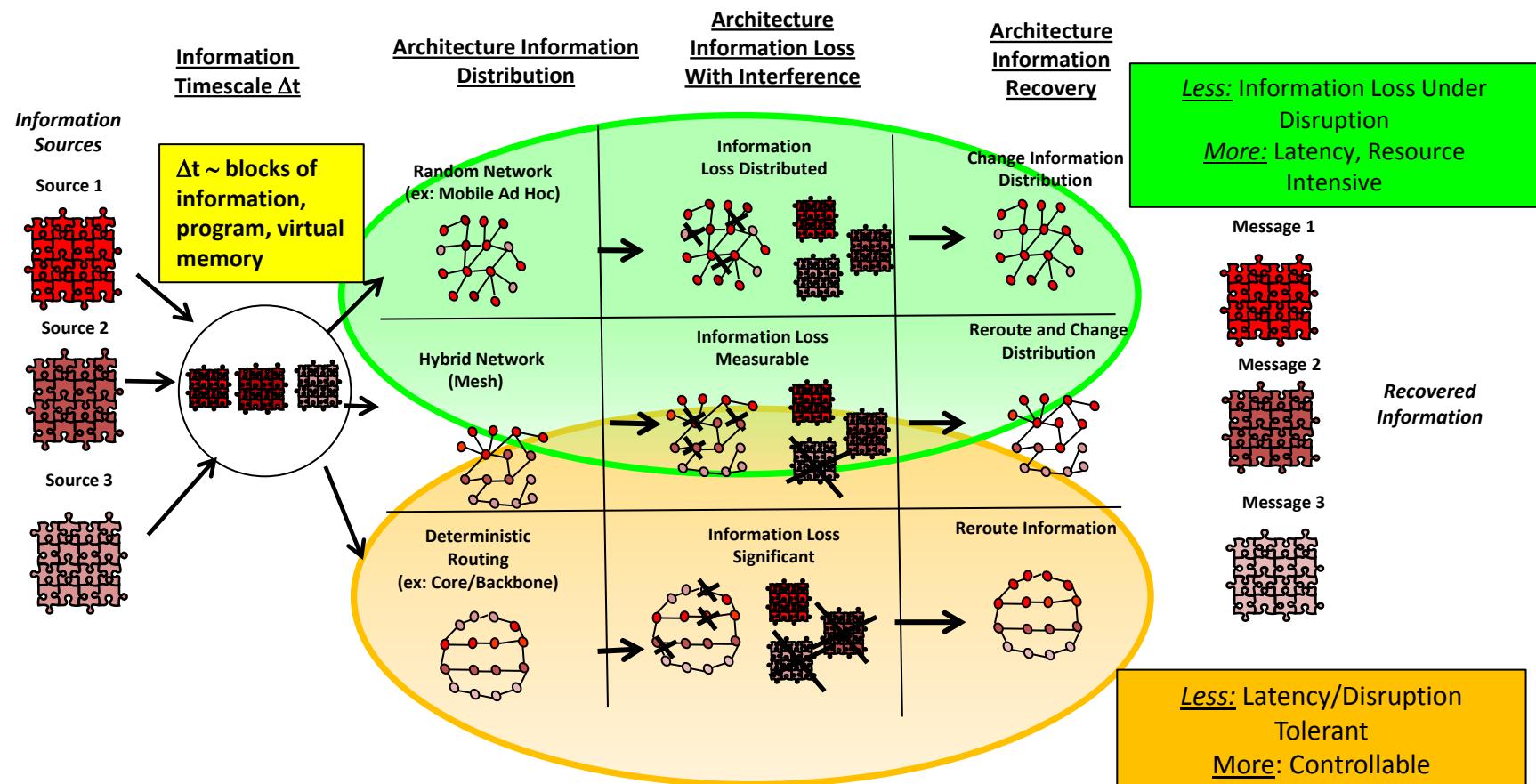
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Global Network/System Research: Architecture Performance Invariants and Prediction



- We wish to develop information invariants that can be used to assess network/system performance





Application Tomography With Operator Algebras

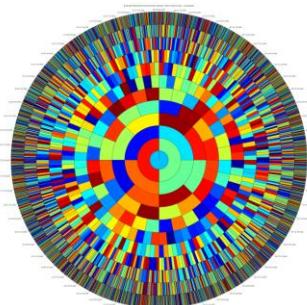
Jones, Rokhlin, Yale, Ness, Bassu Telcordia



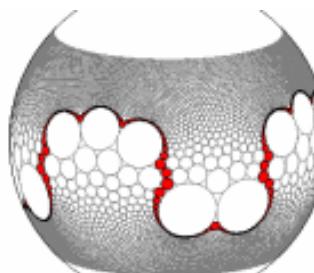
Approach: Software applications on clouds are extremely dynamic and can cause system failure due to unpredictable resource usage. Operator algebraic approaches can be used to track these applications.

Payoff: Dynamic assessment of resource failures and security threats can be tracked and managed in real time by measuring binary transactions over hardware, software, or network

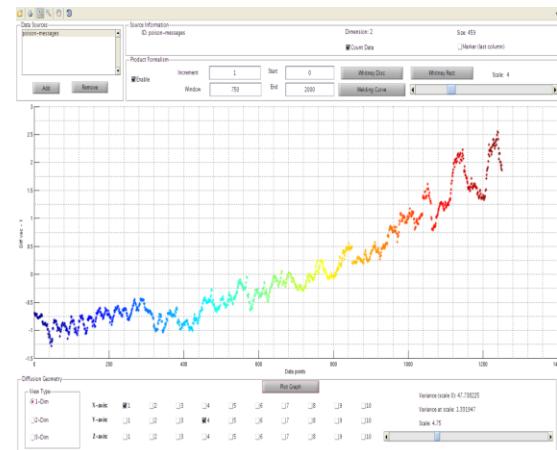
Operator Theoretic Network Representation



Geometric and Statistical Network Properties



Applications Mapped According to Information Flow



Step 1. Embed the data set in \mathbb{R}^d .

Step 2. Choose a value of σ to define a length scale. Build the graph Laplacian matrix $M = (\exp\{-|x_i - x_j|^2/\sigma^2\})$

Step 3. Compute the eigenvectors $\{\Phi_k\}$.

Step 4. Carefully choose a small number of eigenfunctions, e.g., Φ_3, Φ_4, Φ_7 . The new data set representation is given by the image

$$x_i \rightarrow \{\Phi_3(x_i), \Phi_4(x_i), \Phi_7(x_i)\}$$

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Graphlets

Fan Chung Graham/UCSD



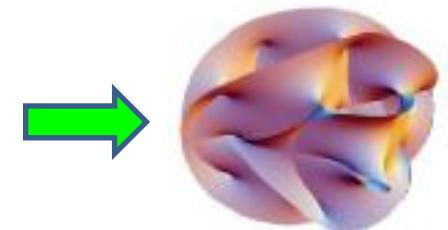
Approach: Graphs are typically geometric structures that do not have properties common to continuous analytic models of systems. Graphlets bridge this gap between continuous to discrete geometry

Payoff: Network and system data can be decomposed and convolved in multiple dimensions to describe network and system properties (*multi-resolution analysis in multiple dimensions*)

Composeable Set of Graphical Representations



Continuous System Representation



Analytic Graphlet Integration

◆ $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, \dots \rightarrow \Omega, I - \Delta$ has two eigenvalues 1 and $\rho \in (0,1)$.

◆ $\mu = \alpha\mu_1 + (1 - \alpha)\mu_2$ for $\alpha \in (0,1)$, and

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x)((I - \Delta)g)(x)\mu(x) \\ = \alpha \int_{\Omega} f(x)\mu_1(x) \int_{\Omega} g(x)\mu_1(x) + (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Omega} f(x)\mu_2(x) \int_{\Omega} g(x)\mu_2(x)$$

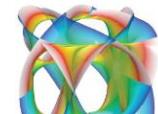
Enables Data to System Properties



$W_n : [0,1] \times [0,1]$



$\Omega_n : [0,1]^2 \times [0,1]^2$



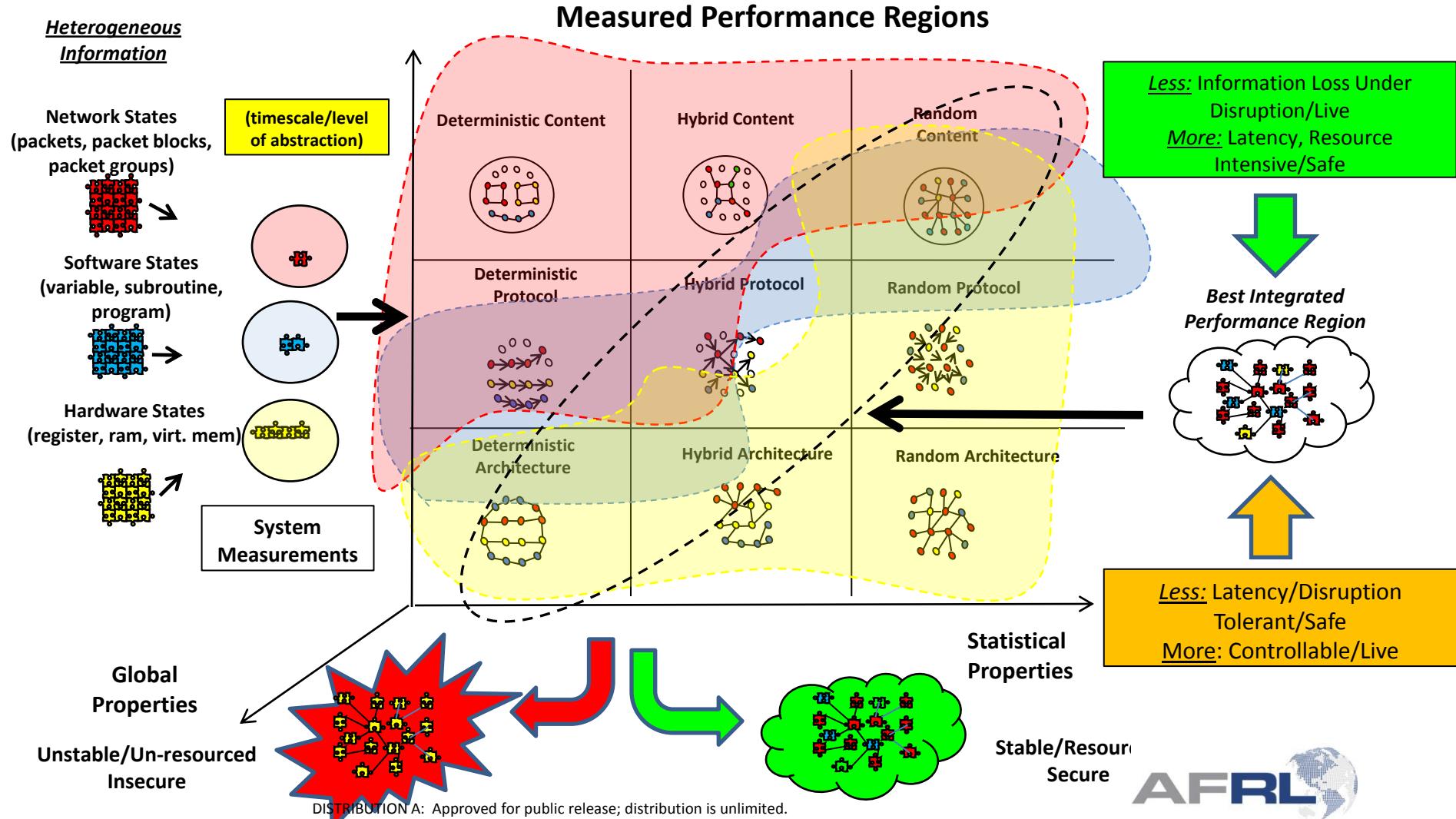
Ω



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Measure and verify information system properties among various system constraints





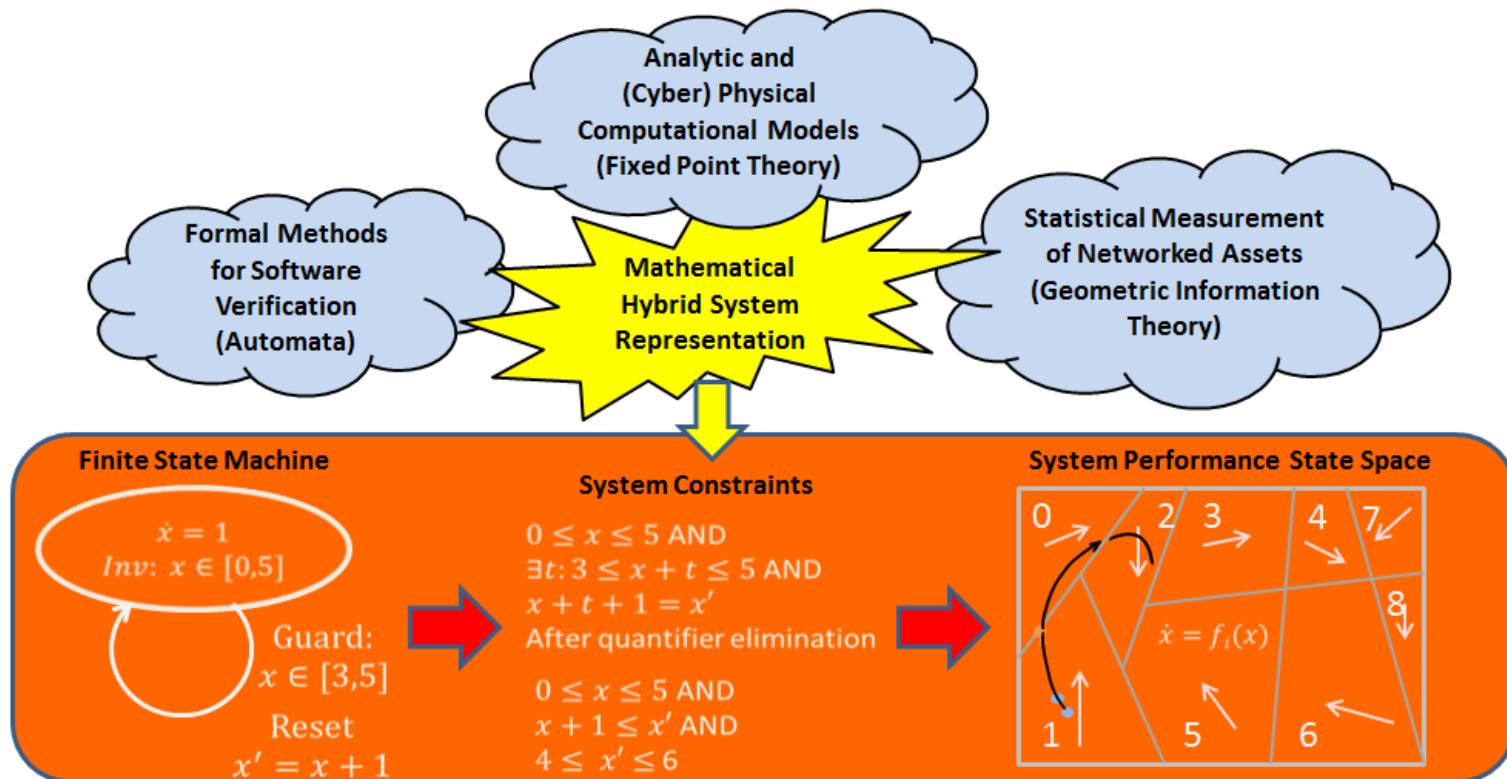
Mathematical Unification of Systems Information Transaction



Syan Mitra, Gul Agha, University of Illinois Center for Secure Cloud Computing

Approach: There has been no unified mathematical approach to network, hardware, and software state space measurement and assessment. These areas can be integrated mathematically

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Statistical Category Theory of Dynamic System Data

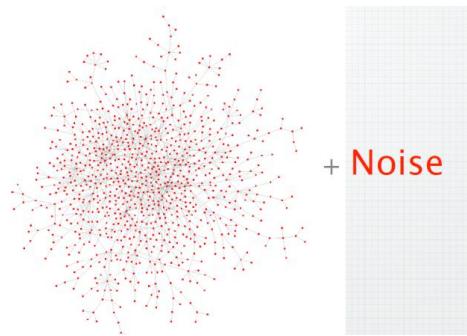
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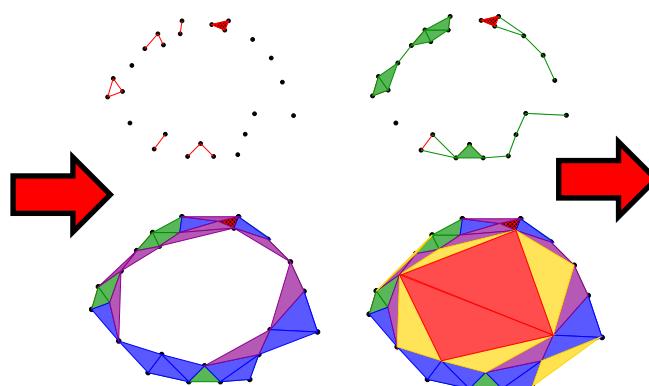
Approach: Mathematically going from sampled system data to parameterization requires a series of tools that handle many issues from statistical and topological analysis to category theory

Payoff: Data from any arbitrary system can be collected processed and parameterized as if there were an analytic model and its system operating modes characterized

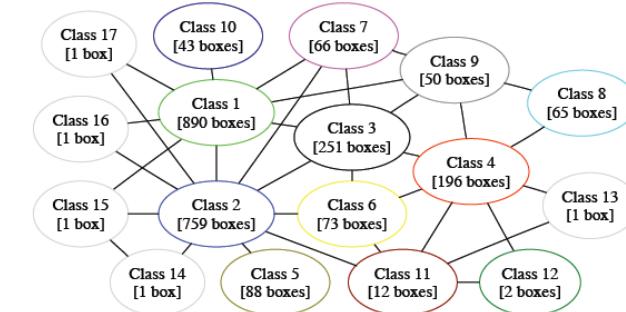
Raw System Data



Persistent Homology



Categorical System Behavior



$f: X \rightarrow X$, a continuous function on a metric space.

Given compact sets $P = (P_1, P_0)$ with $P_0 \subset P_1 \subset X$ define $f_P: P_1/P_0 \rightarrow P_1/P_0$ by

$$f_P(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x, f(x) \in P_1 \setminus P_0 \\ [P_0] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



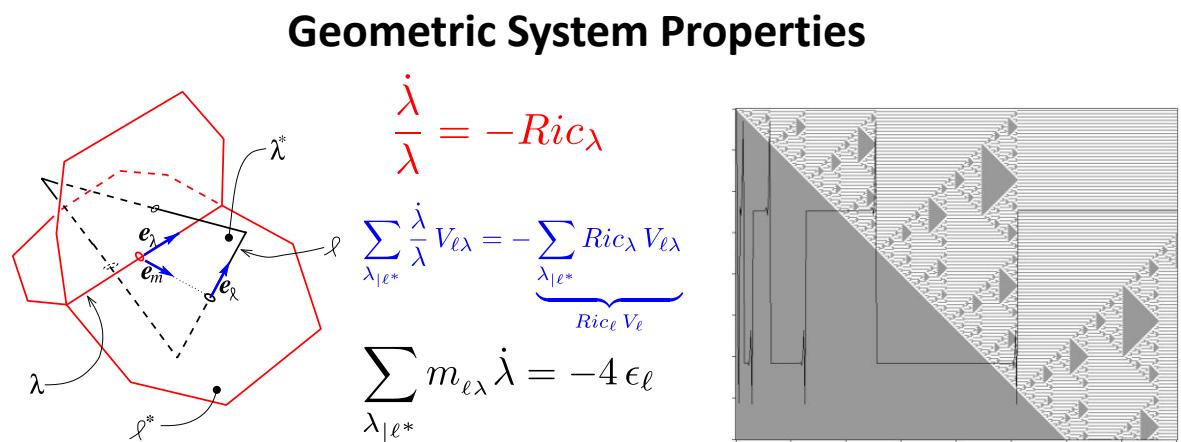
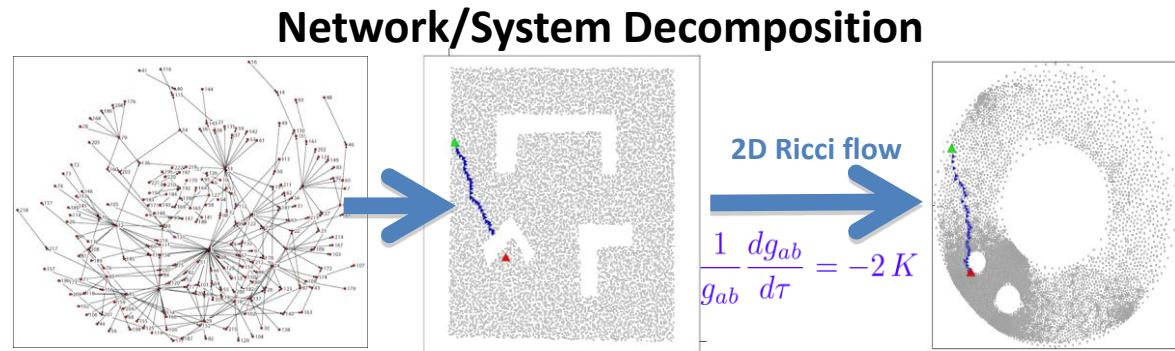
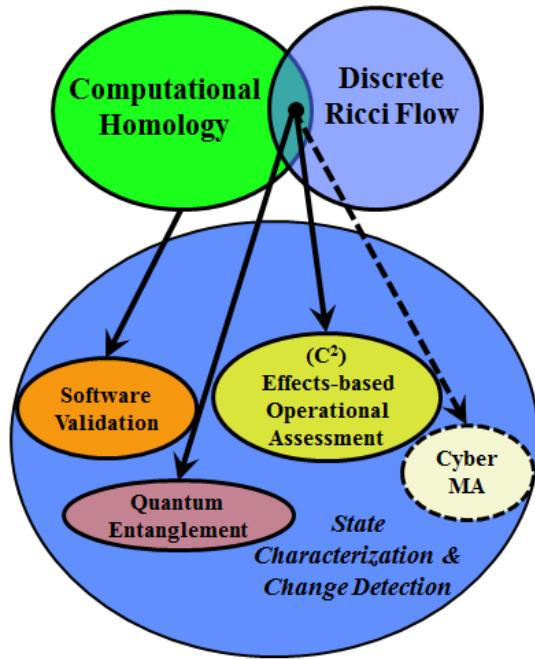
Computational Homology and Ricci Flow for Verification of Computational Systems

Paul Alsing/AFRL RI, Howard Bramson/Syracuse, Warner Millter, FAU



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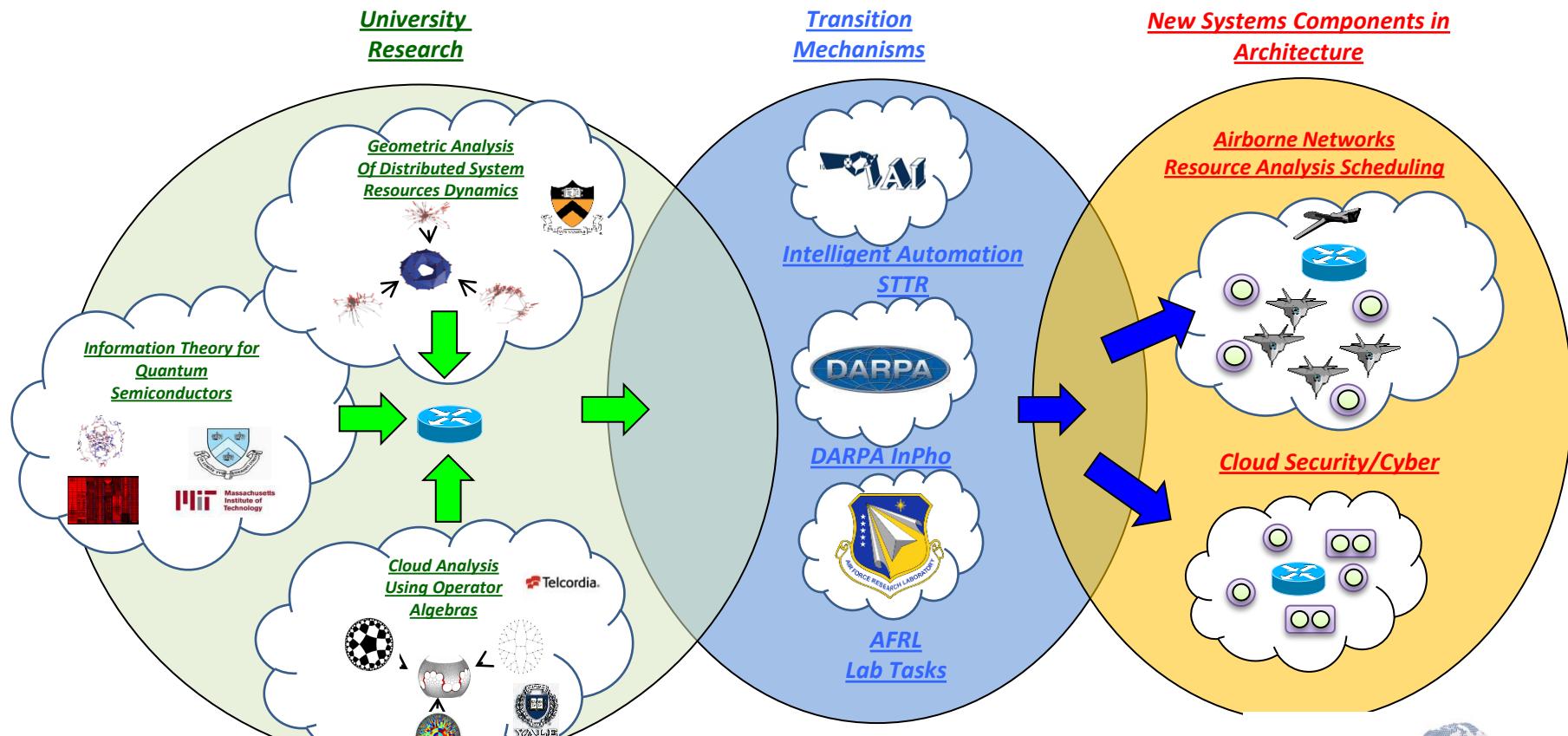


Complex Networks Transition Activities



Complex Networks uses advanced mathematical analysis of information systems measurements to resource, verify, and secure distributed Air Force infrastructures

- Princeton MURI – dynamic analysis of packets for airborne network resource management
- Yale/Telcordia commercial grant – real time system security policy verification
- Columbia/MIT – information theory for new quantum semiconductors





Program Impact & Collaboration with Agencies



- OSTP/NITRD – Co-Chair Large Scale Networks Working Group
 - New national thrust – Complex Networks and Systems inspired by AFOSR program
- ASDR&E
 - Engineered Resilient Systems – Complex Networks and Foundations of Information Systems on Roadmap
- Secretary of the Air Force Cyber Horizons
 - Lead for Enabling Technologies
- DARPA Collaboration/joint program reviews
 - Graphs – Mathematics of graphs and networks agent
 - Defense Science Office Mathematics Board of Advisors
 - InPho – Information in a photon/quantum network collaborative funding
 - ITMANET – Joint program review and transition agent
- IARPA – Quantum Computer Science Working Group
- ARL/ARO Network Science Board of Advisors
- NSF Future Internet, Net-Sci, BECS (Building and Engineering Complex Systems), NETS



Other Program Interactions

Cyber Operations: Joint University Center of Excellence:
“Cyber Vision 2025” – Enabling Technologies workshops
“Secure Cloud Computing” with university and AFRL/RI

Dynamics and Control : Verification and Validation of Complex Systems

Physics and Materials: New Joint MURI Topic: “Large Scale Integrated Hybrid Nanophotonics”

Socio-Cultural Analysis: Social Networks – Joint MURI Topic: “Stable Metrics for Inference in Social Networks ” – UCLA/USC/ASU

Quantum: Interaction with quantum network and quantum estimation processes through lab tasks
- Joint EOARD initiative at Cambridge

Information Fusion: Critical feature selection in sensor networks

Optimization: Competing optimization requirements.

Decision: Networks of neurons.

Biology: Systems biological processes as networks.



Academia/Commercial Outreach



- **Keynote Lecture, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Complex Systems**
- **Keynote Lecture, International Conference on Complex Networks, 2012**
- **Keynote Speaker IEEE, International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), Minneapolis, Minn., 2011**
- **Distinguished Lecture: University of Illinois Coordinated Science Laboratory Dec 2011**
- **Track Chair IEEE Milcom: October 2011**
- **Invited Speaker: American Institute for Mathematics Workshop on Geometry of Large Networks, Stanford, Sep 2011**
- **Invited Speaker: Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM), UCLA, Conference on Dynamic Networks Dec 2012**
- **Invited Speaker: Dagstuhl Germany, Mathematics of Network Learning 2011**
- **Invited Speaker: NSF Conference on Cyber Physical Systems, September 2011**
- **Invited Speaker: USCD Information Theory and Applications, LaJolla 2012**
- **Organizer: London Institute of Mathematics: Mathematical Statistical Verification, March 2012**



Recent Program Awards

- **Vincent Poor:**
 - Member, National Academy of Sciences (elected 2011)
 - Edwin Howard Armstrong Achievement Award, IEEE Communications Society (2011)
 - IET Ambrose Fleming Medal for Achievement in Communications (2010)
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- **Robert Calderbank**
 - Elected Dean of Science, Duke University (2011)
- **Joel Tropp:**
 - Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship (Mathematics) , 2010
 - Winner, Sixth Vasil A. Popov Prize (Mathematics), 2010
- **Emmanuel Candes:**
 - Collatz Prize (Mathematics) , (ICIAM) 2011
 - Winner, Sixth Vasil A. Popov Prize (Mathematics) , 2010
- **Rob Nowak**
 - IEEE Fellow, 2010
- **Mung Chiang:**
 - IEEE Fellow 2012
 - IEEE Kiyo Tomiyasu Award in 2012
- **Junshan Zhang**
 - IEEE Fellow 2012
- **Jennifer Rexford:**
 - SIGMETRICS “Test of Time” award (Computer Science) (2011)



Transition Activities

- **AFRL**
 - AFRL/RI – Cyber Vision 2025 workshops/Illinois Center for Secure Cloud Computing/
 - AFRL/RI/RY – DARPA InPho program/DARPA Graphs program
 - AFRL/RI/RY/RV – distributed secure space communications
 - AFRL/RW/RV/RH – verification and validation of complex systems
- **STTR**
 - Intelligent Automation: Transition to ESC of Airborne Networks management – transition to Boeing for test-bed
 - Avirtek: Secure router application interface- AFRL/RI
 - Andro – Joint Spectrum Center Lockheed transition of automated spectrum management tool



Transition Activities



- Customer/Industry
 - Collaboration with ACC/GCIC, Air Force Spectrum Management Agency on JALIN ICD
 - Collaboration with Boeing, ESC, IAI for transition of coding and routing management protocols baseline CORE tools to Rome Lab for possible integration in CABLE JCTD
 - Briefing to Space Command/Peterson for potential collaboration
 - Interaction with Northrop Grumman/BACN airborne networking program for potential collaboration
- OSD
 - Complex Systems Engineering and Systems 20/20 initiative
 - Software Assurance and Security Initiative
 - Robust Command and Control Initiative
- Commercial
 - New initiatives with Akamai for content distribution analysis
 - Interaction with USFA/DHS/CISCO on router algorithm design



Transition Activities

- DCT
 - AFRL/RI – Lab tasks/Joint Emulab research center AFRL/RI online January 2010
 - Integration of MURI – “Information Dynamics in Networks” with AFRL Emulab through Princeton/UC Irvine
 - Transition of Yale diffusion map to AFRL/RI for network analysis
 - Network management and coding interaction with ACC – Jim Lehnert Purdue/Len Cimini Delaware/Andrea Goldsmith-Stanford
 - AFRL/RW – weapons tactical data links interaction – Chad Jenkins/Brown
 - AFRL/RH – social network analysis interaction – Michael Mahoney/Stanford
 - AFRL/RY - collaboration with for transitions in network/software policy and management - Larry Carin - Duke
- STTR
 - Transitions between STTR/AFRL/ESC/Boeing under STTR IAI activity – interactions with AFRL/RI
 - STTR ANDRO Computational Research interaction with OSD/NII/NTIA/ARL CERDEC for spectrum planning research – interaction with AFRL/RI
 - Interaction with Princeton/ASU with IAI for integration of STTR work



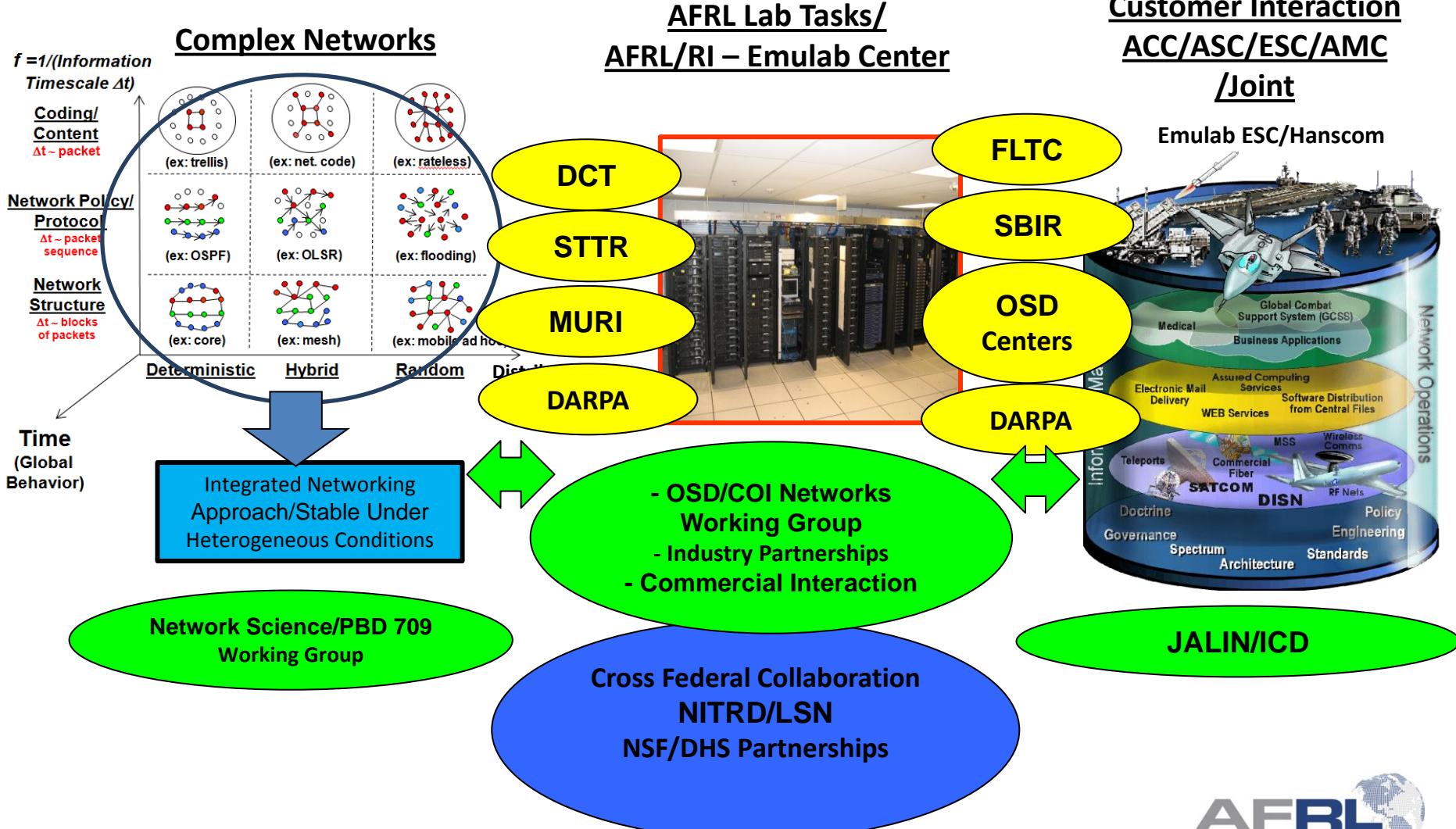
Backup



Complex Networks Transition Organization



- Complex Networks has an integrated transition strategy



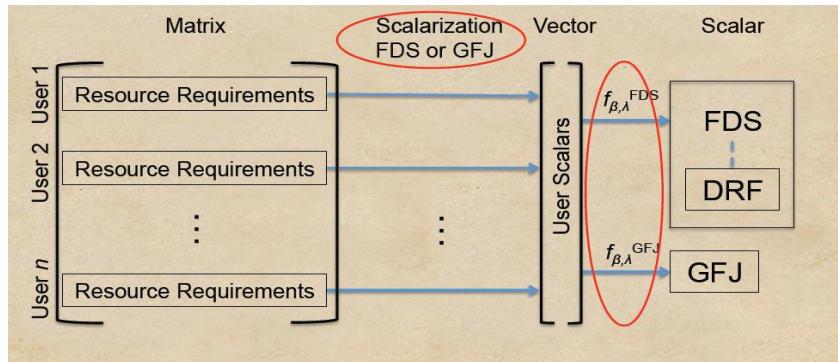


Axioms of Fairness in Cloud Architectures

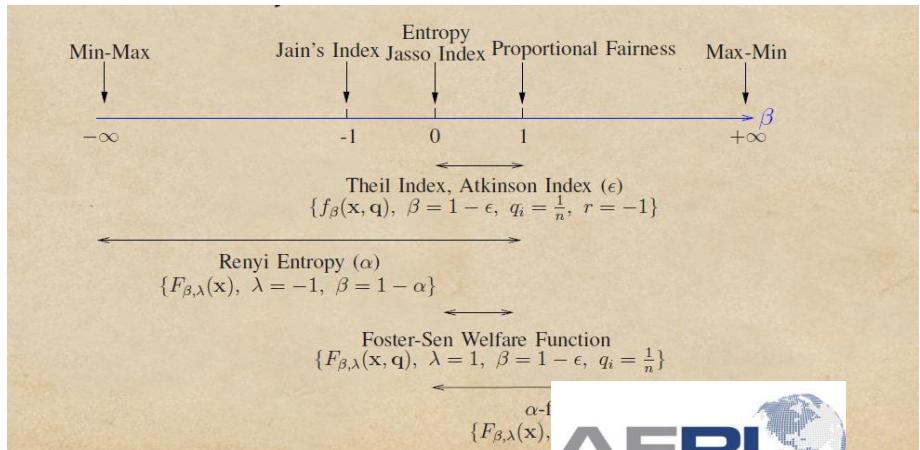
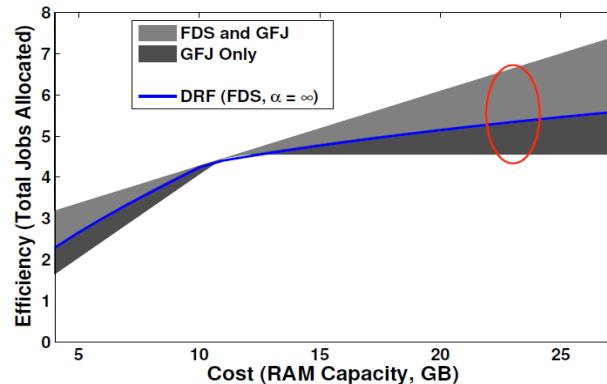


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$$f_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(1 - \beta) \cdot \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{\sum_j x_j} \right)^{1-\beta} \right]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$





Codes Using Algebraic and Linear Programs For Distributed Cloud Resource Allocation



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$$\max r_1 + \dots + r_6$$

Bandwidth constraints

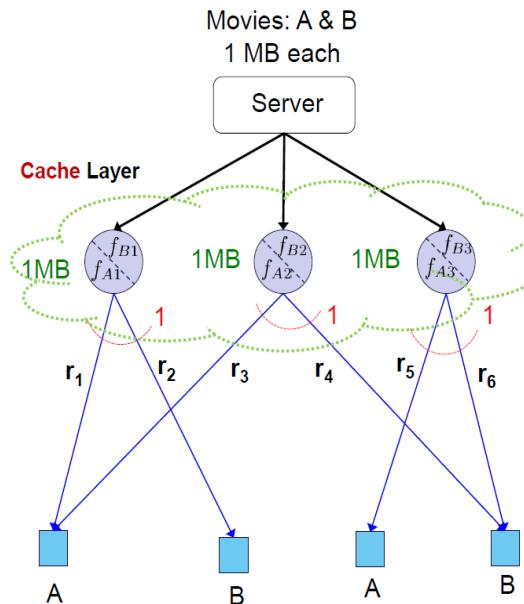
$$\begin{aligned} r_1 + r_2 &\leq 1 \\ r_3 + r_4 &\leq 1 \\ r_5 + r_6 &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{A1} + f_{B1} &\leq 1 \\ f_{A2} + f_{B2} &\leq 1 \\ f_{A3} + f_{B3} &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Storage constraints

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &\leq f_{A1} \\ r_2 &\leq f_{B1} \\ \vdots & \end{aligned}$$

Availability constraint



KKT conditions

$$\begin{cases} (g_{x_{ji_m}^*} - (\lambda_j^* + k_{ji_m}^*))_{x_{ji_m}^*}^{[0,+\infty)} = 0 \\ (\sum_{i_m \in \mathbb{N}_j^m} k_{ji_m}^* - l_m \mu_j^*)_{f_{ji_m}^*}^{[0,1]} = 0 \\ \lambda_j^* (\sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i_m \in \mathbb{N}_j^m} x_{ji_m}^* - C_j) = 0 \\ \mu_j^* (\sum_{m=1}^M f_{ji_m}^* V_m - S_j) = 0 \\ k_{ji_m}^* (x_{ji_m}^* - f_{ji_m}^* r_m) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Primal-Dual Solution

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{ji_m} = \alpha (g_{x_{ji_m}} - (\lambda_j + k_{ji_m}))_{x_{ji_m}}^{[0,+\infty)}, \forall j, m, i_m \in \mathbb{N}_{j,m}^c \\ \dot{f}_{jm} = \beta (\sum_{i_m \in \mathbb{N}_{j,m}^c} k_{ji_m} - l_m \mu_j)_{f_{ji_m}}^{[0,1]}, \forall j, m \\ \dot{\lambda}_j = \gamma (\sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i_m \in \mathbb{N}_{j,m}^c} x_{ji_m} - C_j)_{\lambda_j}^{[0,+\infty]}, \forall j \\ \dot{\mu}_j = \delta (\sum_{m=1}^M f_{ji_m} V_m - S_j)_{\mu_j}^{[0,+\infty]}, \forall j \\ \dot{k}_{ji_m} = \varepsilon (x_{ji_m} - f_{ji_m} r_m)_{k_{ji_m}}^{[0,+\infty)}, \forall j, m, i_m \in \mathbb{N}_{j,m}^c. \end{cases}$$